

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dennis Bellamy on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Bellamy is one such estimable person who served with distinction for thirty-five years as a coach and Assistant Principal in the Hawkins County Schools; and who recently took a much deserved retirement on December 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, after seven years as Head Coach of the Surgoinsville Lady Eagles, Mr. Bellamy joined the staff of Volunteer High School in 1980, its inaugural year, as Head Coach of the Girl's Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bellamy led his players to over 200 victories and one regional championship during the twenty-seven years he coached in the Hawkins County Schools; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 1984-1985 season, Dennis Bellamy took the Lady Falcons of Volunteer High School to the TSSAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, after coaching the Lady Falcons for twenty years, Mr. Bellamy turned his considerable energy and talents to the work of administration, assuming the post of Assistant Principal at Volunteer High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bellamy's loving wife, Judy, has also shared in the joy of camaraderie and high achievement that has attended her husband's long and successful career; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Bellamy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Bellamy's estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students, his players, and his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dennis Bellamy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.